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1. The Swedish Quay in Gdynia is a quay to which cargo ships or cargo luffing cranes, and having a capacity of about 5 tons, can move along the quay, are located on this quay. Four railroad tracks run on the surface of the quay. The ships take their cargo from railroad cars. Four coaling bridges for loading ships were available at the Swedish Quay; two of them were not in operation during the time of observation. It was observed that the latter two coaling bridges were undergoing repair. The bridges had no sheds. A few small brick buildings apparently were used for offices and longshoremen billets.
2. Inward and outward clearing formalities in Gdynia take a little more than one hour each and are performed by a searching party of 1 officer and 10 ratings who search all areas of the ship. Lockers and drawers are searched only superficially. The radio is guarded by two soldiers, one posted at the gangway, the other patrolling up and down at the ship's side. The sentries are relieved every four hours.
3. The Swedish Quay in Gdynia has a coal bridge. Cargo per ships arrives in railroad cars at the two berths. Although the stevedores there declared that the ships could begin loading immediately after ships had tied up and that everything would run smoothly, heavy snowfall sometimes entirely stopped railroad traffic, entailing considerable delays of delivery between 13 and 16 January 1955.
4. Three cargo stowers per hatch are employed on the Swedish Quay and wear boiler-room dungarees. The age of the longshoremen was estimated at between 30 and 60 years.

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